

Project Abstract

History Education through Advanced Research and Technology – (H.E.A.R.T.)

PR Award #: U422A160018

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CPP Component: Serving high need students

Total Award Amount: \$1,751,759

Project Overview : The project supports the establishment of: (1) Presidential Academies for the Teaching of American History and Civics that offer workshops for 300 (100 per year for three years) veteran and new teachers to strengthen their knowledge of American history and civics; and (2) Congressional Academies for Students of American History and Civics to provide 600 (200 per year) high-need high school students with opportunities to develop a broader and deeper understanding of these subjects. Partnering institutions will provide expert content while onsite.

Project Goal(s): The goals of the project are to increase teacher content knowledge, increase student achievement and interest, create partnerships, and improve principal effectiveness.

Project Highlights:

H.E.A.R.T. will provide over 98 hours of professional development each year through a five-day colloquium presented by a historian, a history education specialist and a master teacher. The annual themes will be: Year One: Constitutional Construct; Year Two: Constitutional Crisis; and Year Three: Constitutional Challenges. Teachers will also participate in a 4-day Experiential Immersion Presidential Academy to a significant historical city within the theme to provide further first-hand opportunities to pull from when teaching. Teachers will delve into readings about the time periods to gain in-depth knowledge of the subject matter. Students of participating teachers will also be immersed into rich content during Congressional Academies with yearly themes and will include a follow-up trip to Washington, DC.

Project Partners: Kentucky Educational Development Cooperative, National Council of History Education, Gettysburg Foundation, Gettysburg National Military Park, National Constitution Center, Rendell Center for Civics and Civic Engagement, Georgetown College, Eastern Kentucky University, Kentucky Department of Education.